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Re: Expense Limit Data Request  
CC Docket No. 95-60

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

Attached is Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's (SWBT) response to your data request seeking clarification of SWBT's investment and number of items as of 12/31/94 which were provided to you in our letter of January 5, 1996. Although our reply is subsequent to your requested reply date of May 8, 1996, we have responded to your request as soon as we possibly could.

In Question 3 of your request, an average dollar amount of items purchased for each account based on the last three years was requested. To promptly respond, SWBT has provided the requested average dollar amounts utilizing 1993 and 1994 data. The 1993 and 1994 data needed to develop the average dollar amounts is readily available and has been previously provided to you. Since the information for 1992 has not been requested in any of your earlier data requests and is not readily available, SWBT has provided the requested information based on the two year period 1993 and 1994. SWBT would require at least 30 days to summarize the information needed to develop an average dollar amount based on 1992 data. Please advise us if you insist that the 1992 data must be utilized and grant us the appropriate amount of time to respond.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Attachments

CC: Tom Petras

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Please clarify the following points:

1. Southwestern Bell has ten times as many Co. Comm. Equipment items (Acct 2123.2) in the \$500-\$750 range when compared with the other companies. Please explain.

Response:

In our response to an earlier request made by you for the items in Account 2123.2, Company Communications Equipment, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) included investment recorded on its books at less than \$500 in the number of items reported for the \$500-\$750 range. SWBT is currently conducting an inventory of all assets in Account 2123.2 and will make an adjustment for these items upon its completion in the third quarter of this year.

Data Response Prepared: May 6, 1996

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This Response is: Complete

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Please clarify the following points:

2. The average cost per item for Garage Work Equipment (Account 2115) and Office Equipment (Accounts 2123.1 and 2123.2) generally does not fall within the \$500-\$750 range. Please explain.

Response:

SWBT's calculation of the average cost per item for Garage Work Equipment and Office Equipment falls below \$500. In SWBT's response to your request for data in the \$500-\$750 range, SWBT included investment recorded on its books valued up to \$750 in this range. Consequently, investment which cost under \$500 is also included in the amounts reported. The effect of including investment under \$500 results in a lower average cost per item.

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Please clarify the following points:

3. Please provide the average dollar amount of items purchased for each account based on the last three years (1992-1994) for the various dollar threshold levels: \$500-\$750, \$750-\$1,000, \$1,001-\$1,500, \$1,501-\$2,000 and over \$2,000.

**Response:**

Attached is the requested information. Please note that SWBT has developed the average dollar amount based on the two year period 1993 through 1994. The 1993 and 1994 data needed to develop the average dollar amounts is readily available and has been previously provided to you. Since the information for 1992 has not been requested in any of your earlier data requests and is not readily available, SWBT has provided the requested information based on the two year period 1993 and 1994. SWBT would require at least 30 days to summarize the information needed to develop an average dollar amount based on 1992 data.

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